

IN THE SPECIFICATON:

Replace paragraphs 12, 25, 26, 27 and 30 with the following corresponding replacement paragraphs:

--[0012] These and other features, aspects, and advantages of the present invention will become more apparent from the following description, appended claims, and an accompanying exemplary embodiment shown in the drawings, wherein:

Fig. 1 illustrates a perspective view of a portable seating structure according to the present invention in a stowed, mobile position;

Figs. 2A-2C schematically illustrate how the seating structure of Fig. 1 is set up for use (stowing sequence being reverse);

Fig. 3 illustrates a perspective view of the seating structure of Fig. 1 when it is set up for use;

Fig. 4A illustrates a front view of the seating structure of Fig. 3, but with a canopy frame mounted in place;

Fig. 4[[A]]B illustrates an enlarged view of section 4[[A]]B of Fig. 4A, illustrating a locking brace;

Fig. 5 illustrates a perspective view of the seating structure of Fig. 4A;

Fig. 6 illustrates the seating structure of Fig. 5, but with a canopy attached to the canopy frame;

Figs. 7A-7C respectively illustrate top, front, and left-end views of a left or first end seating platform;

Figs. 8A-8C respectively illustrate top, front, and left-end views of an intermediate seating platform;

Figs. 9A-9C respectively illustrate top, front, and left-end views of a right or second end seating platform;

Figs. 10A and 10B illustrate detailed structure of a base support for the seating platforms;

Figs. 11-21 illustrate changing from a stowed condition to an extended condition of the illustrated preferred embodiment;

Fig. 22 illustrates a structure coupled to another fixed structure in accordance with the invention;

Fig. 23 illustrates a first embodiment of a mounting structure;

Fig. 24 illustrates the structure of Fig. 22 in a partially folded position;

Fig. 25 illustrates a second embodiment of a mounting structure.--

--[0025] Referring to Figs. 2A-2C, 3, 4A, 10A, 10B, the supports S include first, second, third, and fourth supports S1, S2, S3, S4, which all can be identically configured and articulated to the seating platforms 20, 30, 40. Specifically, the first support S1 can be articulated or pivotally connected to the left end of the first seating platform 20, the second support S2 can be articulated or pivotally connected to the right end of the second seating platform 30, and the third and fourth supports S3, S4 can be articulated or pivotally connected to intermediate portions of the seating platforms between the first and second supports. Specifically, the third support S3 can be articulated to one of the articulated ends of the first seating platform 20 and the intermediate seating platform 40, and the fourth support S4 can be

articulated to one of the articulated ends of the intermediate seating platform 40 and the second seating platform 30. The axis of rotation of the third and fourth supports S3, S4 can coincide with the articulating or pivoting axis of the respective seating platforms 20, 30, 40. Moreover, the wheel axis of rotation can coincide with the axis of rotation of the second support S2, i.e., they can share a common axle or pivot.

[0026] Referring to Figs. 2A-2C, 3, 4A, and 4[[A]]B, the supports S1, S2, S3, S4 are pivotally mounted to the respective seating platforms 20, 30, 40 as described above. The supports can be any weight or load bearing structure, such as legs, braces, angles, etc. Although each support can have any load supporting configuration, the illustrated exemplary embodiment (Fig. 10A, 10B) has a U-shape profile, with a substantially horizontally extending member SH that contacts the ground/floor for added stability and support.

[0027] Referring to Figs. 4A and 4[[A]]B, to lock the supports in the downwardly extending configuration (i.e., perpendicular to the seating platforms), at least one locking brace LB can be included for each support. The locking brace LB is conventional, typically used to maintain table legs locked to the use position. Specifically each locking brace is composed of two articulated arms. One end of the articulated arms is articulated to the support S at SP and the other end thereof is articulated to the respective lip L of the seating platform at 20P, 30P. The articulated arms typically include a stop to limit the articulated arms from pivoting beyond the desired locked position.--

--**[0030]** The present seating structure can be used with or without a protective canopy for protection from the element, namely rain, snow, sun, and wind. The seating structure can

include a removably mountable canopy frame CF and a canopy C. Referring to Figs. 4A-6, any conventional canopy structure can be mounted to the present seating structure. In the exemplary embodiment, the canopy frame can comprise a plurality of poles CP, each of which can be foldable (i.e., more than one piece), and a plurality of cross bracing poles CCP. For instance, each pole CP, CCP can be formed of two or more pieces connected together. In the present configuration, six poles CP (CP1, CP2, CP3, CP4) and four cross bracing poles CCP can be used for the illustrated embodiment.--